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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, NA

SUBJECT: REFUSAL OF NA GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT CUBAN AIR LINE
TO STOP IN NA

1. NA MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION VOGES INFORMED ME THAT
THREE PERSONS FROM CASTRO'S CUBA HAD VISITED CURACAO THIS
WEEK TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF CUBAN AIR ROUTES TO
THE NA. THE CUBANS HOPED TO TIE THE NA INTO ROUTES TO
BARBADOS.

2. MINISTER VOGES STATED THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF
THE GNA AT THIS TIME TO GRANT THE CUBANS PERMISSION TO LAND
IN THE NA. HE ADDED THAT THE GNA WOULD KEEP THE MATTER
UNDER ADVISEMENT AND IT WAS THEIR INTENTION TO TRY TO REMAIN
QTE ONE SMALL STEP UNQTE AHEAD OF THE USG IN THE CASE OF A
DETENTE BETWEEN THE US AND CUBA AND NOT TO MISS ANY POSSIBLE
BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE NA.

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3. COMMENT: MINISTER VOGES GAVE ME THIS INFORMATION IN

THE PRESENCE OF MR. MICHAEL H. STYLES, CHIEF, AVIATION
NEGOTIATIONS DIV., BUREAU ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
DEPT. OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WHO IS CURRENTLY IN CURACAO
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE US DELEGATION NEGOTIATING WITH THE NA
ON AIR ROUTES. MR. VOGES' STATEMENT ALSO INDICATES THAT,
AT LEAST SO FAR, THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE
GNA TOWARD CASTRO'S CUBA. THE GNA HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN IN
ACCORD WITH US POLICY AS CONCERNS CASTRO'S CUBA DESPITE
HEAVY PRESSURE FROM SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE
ATTEMPTED TO OPEN BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA THROUGH
AIR ROUTES.

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